THE

Voyages & Travels

Of that Renowned Captain,

Sir Francis Drake,

INTO THE

WEST-INDIES,

AND

Round about the WORLD:

Giving a perfect Relation of his strange Adventures, and many wonderful Discoveries, his Fight with the SPANIARD, *and many barbarous Nations; his taking St.* IAGO, *St.* DOMINGO, CARTHAGENA, *St.* AUGUSTA, *and many other Places in the Golden Country of* AMERICA, *and other Parts of the World: His Description of Monsters, and Monstrous People. With many other remarkable Passages not before Extant: Contained in the History of his Life and Death; both pleasant and profitable to the Reader.*

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The Voyages and Travels of Sir Francis Drake.

Sir *Francis Drake* was born at *Ipswich*, and in his Youth put Apprentice to a Master of a Vessel, during which time he gave himself wholly to the study of Marine Affairs and grew so perfect therein, that he in the end became the World's Wonder, the Nation's Glory and Terror to his Enemies; in demonstration of which, I shall declare his several Voyages and great Atcheivements, till his Death.

First, Having by his many Exploits gained great Applause, and the Reputation of an able Sea-man, was made Captain of a small Vessel by Queen *Elizabeth*, and imployed against the Spaniard, her mortal Enemy, from whom he took divers Prizes near Home; but not so contented, he, on the 24th of *May*, 1575, set sail in the *Paschal of Plymouth*, a Ship of 70 Tuns, and mounted with 10 Guns, accompanied with the *Swan*, a Ship of 25 Tuns, and 8 Guns, commanded by his Brother *John Drake*: having on Bord both the Vessels, 73 Men and Boys, with other Necessaries, and having a fair Wind, came to *Guadalupa*, one of the *West India* Islands, on the 29th of *June*, but found nothing there, except some few Cottages made of Boughs, and covered with *Palmata* Leaves, which secured them from Rain, in the Nature of Tiles yet they had sight of two *Canows* but could not reach them, by reason the Calm was so great. These *Canows* are Boats which the *Indians* use, being for the most part cut out of Trees like Troughs, and a piece of Wood fixed on either side, to keep them from overturning: Whereupon, after they had watered there, they weighed Anchor, and sailed to *Port Phesant*, so named, because of the abundance of that sort of Fowl found there; and there going on Shoar, found that one Mr. *Garret* of *Plymouth* had been lately there, and had left an Inscription in Lead nailed to a Tree, to warn him not to stay in that Port, forasmuch as the Spaniards had notice of his Arrival; yet landing more Forces, he resolved to stay and build a Pinnace, which he effected, fortifying the Port in the mean while, to prevent any Surprize. And whilst they stayed there, a Bark came from the *Isle of Wight*, bringing in a Spanish Prize, which joyn'd with Capt. *Drake*; so that having finish'd the Pinnace, the 3 Ships and Pinnace sailed to the *Isle of Pinos*, where they found 2 Spanish Ships of *Nombre de Dios*, lading Timber by the Negroes. By those Vessels they were informed of the State of the City and Country, and that new Forces were daily expected, to defend it against the

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Symerons, a black People, with long Hair, who had revolted from the Spaniards, by reaſon of their Cruelty, and ſince choſen themſelves two Kings. Whereupon ſetting the Negroes on Shoar with ſome gifts, Capt. *Drake* reſolved to go to *Nombre de Dios*, which he entered by Night, beating the Spaniards from their Defences, who hung Lines a thwart the Eaſt-end of the Street, to make the *Engliſh* believe, by the lighted Matches tyed thereon, that their Forces were greater than indeed they were, and immediately fired, which was anſwered with a like number of Fire-ſhot and arrows from the Engliſh; they came to puſh of Pike, and Butt-end of the Muſket, upon which the Spaniards fled, and the King's Treaſury conſiſting of 360 Tun of Silver Bars, and a like Value of Gold, had fell into the Hands of the Engliſh, had not Capt. *Drake* been unfortunately wounded in the Leg, which cauſed the loſs of ſo much Blood that he fainted; yet nevertheleſs he perſwaded his Men to perſiſt, for that the like Advantage could not be expected to be regained, if it was once omitted; but they preferring their Captain's Life before the Treaſure, forced him on Ship-board. In this Battle only one *Engliſh* Man was killed, and three or four wounded by the Weapons the Enemy had caſt away in their Flight; ſeveral of the Spaniards were killed, and taken Priſoners. But Capt. *Drake* being now on Ship-board, and well perceiving the Spaniards had encreaſed their Forces, thought it not convenient with ſo ſmall a Number, to make a ſecond Attempt, therefore taking a Veſſel laden with Wines, which at his coming he found in the Port, he ſet ſail for the Port *Plenty*, and there, by the Advice of a Negro, carreſſed the Symerons found there, who being mortal Enemies to the Spaniards, joyned friendſhip with him, and greatly furthered his Affairs: and ſailing thence towards *Carthagena*, he took a great Ship richly laden, and after that another, in which were two of the Spaniſh King's *Scrivendoes*, who were ſent from *Nombre de Dios*, with the News of what had happned there. Yet he acted not ſo ſecretly, but that his coming was known to the *Cartagenians*, who taking the Alarum, came down to the Shoar in great numbers, inſomuch that *Drake* thought it no ways convenient to land there: And that his Pinnaces might be the better manned, he cauſed his great Ship to be ſunk, after all things neceſſary were taken out of her, and ſailed from that Port, lying for ſome time undiſcovered, about a League thence, and cauſed the Negroes to build Houſes, to ſhelter his Men from the violent Storms of Rain that fell during his ſtay: To which place the *Indians* brought ſtore of Water and Victuals, for which they were amply gratified. At which

place leaving one Ship, he, with the two Pinnaces, ſailed to *Rio Grand*, where roving up a great River, the Marriners were much afflicted with the inſufferable ſtinging of Flyes, called *Mauketos*, againſt which there is no Remedy, but Juice of Lemons, with which the Skin being wet, they will not faſten. In the River he met two *Indian Canows*, in which were Fiſher-men, but took no notice of them, for fear of being diſcover'd, but paſſing for Spaniards, the Captain and his Men came to a Store-houſe on the River-ſide, where they found great plenty of Proviſion, prepared for the Fleet that was to return into *Spain*; after which, having notice that the Spaniards were coming down, they returned to their Pinnaces, and ſoon after took five or ſix ſmall Barks laden with Proviſion, ſetting the Men on Shoar, and ſo ſailed to the Country of the Symerons, who kindly received them. Theſe Symerons are a People inhabiting between *Cabezas*, and *Rio-piego*, who by certain Negroes, were given to underſtand, That *Drake* came as a Friend, and would protect them againſt the Attemps of the Spaniards; which cauſed them to admit the Engliſh to confer with them, and furniſh them with ſuch Neceſſaries as they required; promiſing *Drake*, that as ſoon as the five rainy Months were paſt, in which the Spaniards never carry their Treaſure by Land, they would ſo order the matter, that he ſhould make himſelf Maſter of much Gold. Whereupon he ordered them to build him ſix Houſes, for ſheltering his Men, which they did, as likewiſe with the help of the Engliſh a Fort Triangle, which the Captain fortifyed to prevent any Surprize; and leaving part of his Men there, ſailed amongſt the pleaſant Iſlands, in the River repleniſhed with Gardens, and delicious Fruits, where the Indians were at his Devotion, delivering up their Bows and Arrows, bringing Baskets of Fruit and Juices of Bails, as an Oblation of theſe People. *Drake* inquired into the State of the Country, and then ſailed towards *Chareſha*, and anchored between the Iſland, and the Main-land to defend which, the Spaniards had lined the Shoar vvith Shot, firing inceſſantly at the Engliſh, ſo that they vvere oblig'd to ſtand off, the Captain having one of his Men ſore wounded; and next Morning took a Bark laden with Proviſion and Sweet-meats, bound for *Cartagena*, ſetting all the Men on Shoar, except a Negro, whom the Captain kept, to be by him inſtructed in the Affairs of the Country; and anchoring at the Mouth of the *Haven* of *Cartagena*, took two other Barks, which cauſed the Spaniards to ſend a *Scrivanto* with a Flag of Truce, who deſired to be admitted on Board, which was accordingly granted: But *Drake* finding his Meſſage was only;

ly to protract time, till the Forces came down to ſurprize him, would not accept of his Invitation on Shoar, which Treachery was ſoon apparent. For the Spaniards perceiving *Drake*'s Warineſs, and that they could not get him within their reach by Land, ſent two Ships of War to fight him by Sea, which he perceiving, went joyfully to encounter them: But after the exchange of ſeveral ſhot, the Spaniards finding their Entertainment too warm, put themſelves under the Protection of the Caſtle, and ſoon after came two other Pinnaces, who fared no better than the former: Whereupon *Drake* landed ſeveral of his Men, and drove the Spaniards from the Shoar, and for their Safety, to betake themſelves ſome to the Town, and others to a thick Wood ſtanding cloſe by; but Victuals growing ſcarce, he was obliged to ſtand away to *Rio Grand*, where a little before he had found ſtore of Proviſion, but now was fruſtrated in his Expectation, for the Spaniards had cauſed the Natives to retire to the Mountains, and carry away with them all their Cattle, *&c.* But at length meeting with ſeveral ſmall Veſſels which he took, their Want was in ſome Meaſure ſupplyed, yet the Scarcity cauſed a Sickneſs to rage among the Marriners, but providence ſo ordered it, that only one of them dyed.

The Sickneſs ended, *Drake* returned to the Fort, vvhere he had left part of his Men, together vvith the Symerons; but upon his arrival, to his great Grief, found his Brother, and one *Richard Allen*, dead of the Wounds they received in attempting to Board a Spaniſh Ship of conſiderable Force. Nor was this all the Loſs, for *Joſeph Drake*, another of the Captains Brothers, ſoon after dyed of a Calenture; yet he took Courage, and being ſupplyed by the Symerons, he attended his better Fortune, and vvas ſoon after informed by thoſe People (vvho like Grey-hounds ranged the Country to learn vvhat they could) that the Spaniſh Fleet vvas arrived at *Nombre de Dios*; vvhereupon *Drake* ſent the *Lyon* Frigat to deſcry them, vvho upon her approaching that Port fell in vvith a ſmall Spaniſh Veſſel laden vvith Mace, Hens, and Pompions, from *Tolon*. The Spaniards that vvere found therein, the Captain uſed courteouſly, protecting them from the Fury of the Symerons, vvho are mortal Enemies to the Spaniards.

Upon certain notice that the Fleet vvas arrived, *Drake* conferred vvith the native Symerons, about the Neceſſaries that vvere to be provided for the Expedition, to ſurprize ſuch Carriages of Gold and Silver, as vvere to come over Land; vvho told him he muſt be vvell furniſhed vvith Weapons and Shoes, and that for the reſt they vvould not be

be wanting; which being provided, 48 Men ſet forward, of which, 30 were Symerons, and the reſt Engliſh; the former ſerving inſtead of Sumpeteres for carrying Proviſion, and when the ſtore failed, they would range the Woods, and catch ſuch Proviſion as they could, ſeldom miſſing to return without a Buck or Faun, or ſtore of Foul, bearing about them many Arrows, headed with Iron, Wood, or Fiſhes Bones; which they will caſt ſo dexterouſly, that they ſeldom miſs the Iron, with which their Arrows are headed, and is frequently found to be more precious in their Eſtimation than Gold.

This March they continued over Land through many thick Woods, from Sun-riſe, till ten in the Morning, and then reſting in watery plaaes till four in the Afternoon, they walked till eight; and when Darkneſs came on, the Symerons laying aſide their Burthens, would cut down Boughs to build Harbours with, covering them to keep out the Rain, if any ſhould fall, building them with *Planata* Leaves, decentwiſe according to the Faſhion of *Norway* Cottages; inſomuch that no Rain would enter for the ſpace of 24 Hours; nor were they wanting to bring ſeveral ſorts of Fruits, as *Mammeas*, *Guyanas*, *Palmitos*, *Pinos*, *Oranges*, *Lemons*, &c.

After three Days travel, they came to a Town of Symerons, ſituate on a Hill near a River, compoſed with a Dike of eight Foot broad, and a thick Mud-wall ten Foot in height, containing one broad Street from Eaſt to Weſt, and two croſs Streets of a leſſer breadth; all conſiſting of ſixty Families, who in their Apparel, ſomewhat imitated the Spaniards: This Town is diſtant from *Nombre de Dios* 35 Leagues, and 45 from *Panama*, being ſufficiently ſtored with all manner of Plenty. As for their Religion, they have no Prieſts, yet they hold Croſſes in great Veneration; but at the Perſwaſion of the Engliſh they laid their Croſſes aſide, and in ſome meaſure embrace the Worſhip of the true God, learning the *Lord's-Prayer*, and many other neceſſary Articles of Belief; they continually were upon their Guard, for fear of the Spaniards, who daily moleſted them, aiming at the Subverſion of that Place, on which they made ſeveral Attempts, but without Succeſs, their Scouts upon the Frontiers continually giving notice of their approach, and ſo alarumed their neighbouring Towns, eſpecially that wherein the King reſided, in which were ſuppoſed to be 1700 fighting Men; and fain would they have entreated the Captain to a longer Reſidence amongſt them, but he being intent on his Journey, with many Expreſſions of Kindneſs took his leave, and ſo marching with

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four Symerons, who knew the way about a Mile before him, who by breaking off Boughs, and ſtrewing them in the way, gave Directions; and the other twenty four divided equally for his Vaunt-guard, and Rear-guard, the Engliſh continuing in the middle. After paſſing many gloomy Woods, which ſhelter'd them from the Sun's hot Beams, they came to a great Hill, on which ſtood a high Tree, in which were cut ſeveral Steps, that led to a pleaſant Bower, ſituate on the top, in which, ten or twelve Men might ſit, and from thence take a View of the North and South *Atlantick* Ocean; and from thence they paſſed on to a plain Champain Country, abounding in Graſs ſo high, that the Inhabitants are obliged to burn it twice or thrice a Year, to give their Cattle advantage of feeding; through which they travelled to *Panama*, and for fear of being diſcovered, ſtruck through a gloomy Grove, on the right Hand, and at the Edge thereof reſting, they ſent a Symeron diſguiſed like a Negro, to *Panama*, to enquire what Night, for by Day they travelled not, by reaſon of the heat of the Sun, the *Recoes* paſſed to *Venta Cruz*, in order to their Paſſage to *Nombre de Dios*, to land the Fleet, and by him, upon his return had notice, That that Night eight Mules laden with Gold and Silver, and one with Jewels, together with fifty others laden with Proviſions and Merchandize, were to paſs the Road; whereupon *Drake*, with his Men, and the Symerons, placed themſelves in the Graſs, and thick Shrubs, near to the Way-ſide, in expectation of the rich Booty: The Truth of which was likewiſe confirmed by a Spaniſh Soldier, taken by two Symerons, and brought to the Captain; and ſo placed themſelves, that whilſt one Party was ſeizing on the foremoſt Mules, the other might take the hinder-moſt. And all things had ſucceeded to their Wiſh, had not an Engliſh Man and a Symeron, though contrary to the ſtrict Command of the Captain, ſuddenly ſtarted out to ſeize a Cavalier coming from *Venta-Cruz*, who perceiving them by the Engliſh Man's white Shirt, which he and the reſt had put over his Cloaths, the better to diſtinguiſh them if it ſhould come to a Skirmiſh, as in all likelyhood it would, he ſuddenly put Spurs to his Horſe, and outſtripped them; about a League diſtance meeting with the *Recoes*, he informed the Conveyors of what he had ſeen, telling them, that he was ſure that either *Drake*, or ſome of his Men, lay in Ambuſh for them; So the *Recoes*, laden with Gold and Silver, and Jewels, turned back again, only that laden with Proviſion, Merchandize, and a ſmall quantity of Treaſure, come forward, which was accordingly taken,

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and declared the manner of the Prevention; imploring *Drake* to defend them from the Rage of the Symerons.

Matters being at this pass, it was not thought safe to stay in those parts, but to return to their Ships, which they could not do, but by the tedious way they came, or by cutting their way through *Venta-cruz*, the latter of which was less difficult, *Drake* resolved on, and therefore commanding his Men to refresh themselves, asked *Pedro*, Captain of the Symerons, whether he would stand by him or no? Who answered, he would dye at his Feet, e're he would leave him; and thereupon on they marched till they came near the Town, and there taking out of the Recoes what was best Portable, they turned back the Mules and their Drivers, commanding them on pain of Death, not to follow them; and entering the way, cut through a thick Wood, as thick as our English Hedges, they were encountered by a Company of Spaniards, under the leading of a Convent Fryer; when after a hot Skirmish (in which *John Harris*, an English Man, and one *Symeron* were killed) the Spaniards were put to Flight, many of them being killed, wounded, and taken Prisoners; the Symerons at that time behaving themselves valiantly, doing with their Arrows great Execution. But far they had not marched e're the Spaniards, who had retired, being reinforced, had fortify'd themselves in a Wood, by which the English must pass; into which Wood the Symerons in a dancing Posture rushed, singing in their Tone, *To-peho*, *To-peho*, and with their Arrows drove the poor *Spaniards* thence, with the loss of but one Man; who, wounded as he was, e're he dyed, killed two Spaniards.

The Out-guards beaten, those that remained in the Town made but small Resistance, so that the English and Symerons entring, found most of their Houses abandoned. This Town of *Venta-cruz*, consists not of above fifty Houses, besides one Monastery, and a few Store-houses. Here likewise they found three Spanish Gentlewomen that had lately been delivered of Children came some Days before from *Nombre de Dios*; for that it had been observed, that no Spaniard, or White, had ever been delivered at the latter place, but that the Child soon after dyed: But that being brought to Bed at *Venta-cruz*, or any other place adjacent, the Children came to Maturity. In Compassion of this, *Drake* strictly commanded, that neither his own Men or the Symerons, should Out-rage them: And so having set a Guard upon all the Passes, they took some small Pillage and departed, having first beaten back twelve Horse-men, who supposing them gone, came thither from *Panama*.

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Thus the chief Ends, for which the Journey was undertaken, being unluckily fruſtrated, *Drake* (after a tedious March, in which many of his Men had periſhed by Hunger and Thirſt, had not the Symerons proved their Purveyors) arrived to his Ships; thoſe on Board, who before were in great Heavineſs for his Abſence, abundantly rejoycing at his return: and ſo ſtaying on Board in the River *Fortugos*, for ſome time a Conſult was held, what Enterprize was next to be undertaken; in which the Opinion of the Symerons was held neceſſary, as they who beſt knew the Country, and where the Treaſure lay; who gave Council, that near a Town called *Varagna*, lived one *Senior Pezero*, who had formerly been Maſter to ſome of them, and whom for his Cruelty they had abandoned; and that this Man, in a ſtrong Store-houſe, guarded by a 100 Slaves, had heaped up great Treaſure, being Proprietor of ſeveral rich Mines. This Advice pleaſed them, yet they were prevented at that time by another Advice; for one of the Frigats being abroad, had taken a ſmall Spaniſh Prize, in which was a *Genoway* Pilot; the ſaid Pilot, upon his being kindly entreated, informed *Drake*, that in the *Bay* of *Vicaragua*, lay a Veſſel ready to depart, in which was a Million of Gold, and that by his Knowledge of the Channel, if he might partake in the Gains, he could bring him in undiſcovered, and that he might have time to diſpatch his buſineſs, e're the Town could be allarum'd. Whereupon the Captain giving ſuch of the Symerons (who were willing thereto) leave to depart, giving them many large Gifts, he took the reſt with their Captain on Board, and ſet ſail on this ſo-much-deſired Prize; but entering the Harbour, altho' it was not yet dark, he underſtood by the firing of ſeveral Chambers, which were anſwered by others a diſtance thence, that he was diſcovered, and the Wind turning againſt him, he thought it not fit to attempt any thing further in the matter. So returning to his Station, he met the *Bear* Frigat, a ſmall Veſſell that he had fitted up, who had taken a Spaniſh Bark, laden with twenty fat Hogs, two hundred Hens, and great ſtore of Mace; which is a kind of Grain like Rice, and in it ten Spaniards, who informed him, that the Fleet was arrived at *Nombre de Dios*, and that two Gallies were building there to waft them to and fro, but not yet lanced. Whereupon *Drake* feaſting his Men in this manner on *Eaſter-day*, which that Year fell on the twentieth of *March*, he reſolved to attempt ſomething on the Fleet, and weighing Anchor, bore with the Wind, till at length they eſpyed a ſmall Veſſel plying to the Weſt-ward, which after ſome ſailing, was diſcryed to be a French Veſſel; whoſe Captain likewiſe ſuppoſing

it was *Drake*, ſtood with him, and in a moſt ſubmiſſive manner, he begged ſome freſh Water, for that he had nothing but Wine and Cider on Board; the which, by reaſon of the hot Weather, had much impaired the Health of his Men with which *Drake* ſupplyed him, willing to ſtand with him to the next Port, which he accordingly did, making him there a Preſent of a Caſe of Piſtols, and a Gilt Scimeter, which he ſaid had been the late King of *France's*, who was killed in Juſt with *Mounſieur de Gomery*; in requital of which, *Drake* gave him a Chain of Gold, and a further Supply of neceſſary Proviſion. So that in the end he was willing to accompany him in his Voyage and take ſuch part as ſhould befal him; yet *Drake* not altogether ſatisfied in his Fidelity, ſo divided either Nation, that it was not in the Power of the *French* Men, if they would, to have injured the Engliſh; and then ſending for the Symeron Captain, he approved of what was done, and thereupon it was agreed, that twenty French, fifteen Engliſh, and a conſiderable number of Symerons, ſhould paſs over Land, to intercept the Ricoes that were coming from *Panama*, to *Nombre de Dios*, when having gone ſeven Leagues, the Bells of the Camels and Mules were heard, which made the Symerons rejoyce, aſſuring Capt. *Drake*, that he ſhould have more Gold and Silver, than he could diſpoſe of; and ſo indeed it fortuned, for the Ricoes being ſeized, a rich Booty appeared; but there being a Guard of forty Spaniards attending it, a hot Diſpute hapned; but in the end, the Spaniards were put to Flight, and the Gold and Silver unladed, and every one took what he could conveniently carry; but ſcarce had they hid the reſt, and entered the Wood, e're a great number of Horſe and Foot came on, yet they kept their way, all eſcaping, except on Symeron that was killed, and a French Soldier that was taken Priſoner, who being put to the Torture, confeſſed where the Gold was hid; in the Conflict the French Captain was dangerouſly wounded: But what was moſt amazing, was, that when they came to the Sea-ſide, where the Pinnaces had order to attend them, they perceived ſeven Spaniſh Pinnaces, which were ſent to take the Engliſh Veſſels, then but weakly manned, whom *Drake* and the reſt imagined to have executed their Deſign; but taking Courge, he reſolved to make a Raft of ſuch Trees as were driven on Shoar, and put to Sea, in order to ſeek his Veſſels, which he accordingly put in practice, accompanied with one Engliſh Man, two French Men, and two Symerons, with a great joy found the Veſſels ſafe, riding it out behind the Point and in ſpite of the Spaniards, according to his Promiſe, fetched off his Companions, when having refreſhed

freshed themselves, they went to look for the hidden Treasure, but found as aforesaid, that the Spaniards, by the French Captain's Confession, had discovered it. Yet had they not searched so narrowly, but that they had left several Bars of Silver behind them, as also some Quoits of Gold; but what troubled the French Men most, their Captain sore wounded as he was, fell into the Hands of the Spaniards, yet upon sharing the Booty equally amongst them and the English, they were comforted, especially upon the Arrival of one of their Companions, who had escaped the Hands of the Spaniards. Yet being desirous to depart into their own Country, they left the English, yet fearing the Danger they might incur, by falling into the Hands of the Spaniards, they repented their Rashness, and lingered till *Drake* overtook them: When notice being had that the Spanish Fleet richly laden were about to depart from *Carthagena*, *Drake* sailed to the Mouth of the Harbour, and there dropping his Anchor, braved them with all Streamers flying, and Flag astern, and took a Frigat of fifty Tuns, laden with Provision, within sight of 'em, and not to be cumbered with the Men taken therein, set them on Shoar, and so without longer stay sailed to *Cabezas*, having first burnt the Ship, that it might no more advantage the Spaniards.

During *Drake*'s Stay at *Cabezas*, *Pedro*, the Captain of the Symerons, importun'd him for certain Iron Instruments belonging to Navigation, which he frankly gave him for the good Service he had done for him: further promising that he would look out some Silk and Linnen for his Wife, not intending to hold any thing from him that he could conveniently spare. But whilst he was looking in his Chest, the *Indian* espyed the Scimeter, given him by the French Captain, and was greatly desirous of it, but being bashful himself, he gave another a Quoit of Gold to ask for it; and having his Request granted, he gave *Drake* four Quoits of Gold in requital, saying, He would present it to his King, who would highly promote him for such a Present.

And now *Drake* being desirous to return into *England*, rewarded the *Symerons* with divers Giefts, and after leave taken, tho' to the great Grief of those *Indians*, who earnestly desired the Company of the *English*, they stood away to the Island that bespangled the Ocean, and coasting that Tract, came to the Cape St. *Anthony*, where they took two hundred and fifty Turtles, which they powdered and eat, as occasion required; and from thence sailing North-west, after touching at several places, they, to the great Joy of their Friends, who concluded them lost, arrived safe at *Plymouth*, on the 9th Day of *June*, 1573, bringing

home to the Value of 80000 Pounds in Gold and Silver, and other Merchandize, besides the great Credit and Applause they obtained of all that heard of their strange Adventures. *Drake* himself being Knighted, and the rest amply rewarded.

Sir Francis Drake, his Second Voyage, in which he compassed the World: In which is comprehended the many strange and wonderful Discoveries he made, during that extraordinary Navigation.

Drake impatient of remaining at Shoar, importuned his Soveraign Queen *Elizabeth*, that he might be Commissioned to make a second Voyage, the which after some Delays, was granted; whereupon the Adventurers furnished him with five Ships, *viz.* The *Pelican* Admirable, burthened 100 Tuns, in which he imbarqued himself; The *Elizabeth Vice-Admirable*, Commanded by Capt. *Joseph Winter*, being a Ship of 80 Tuns; The *Marygold*, a bark of 30 Tuns; Capt. *John Thomas* Commander; The *Swan*, a Fly-boat of 50 Tuns, *John Chester* Commander, and a small a Pinnace of 15 Tuns.

These Vessels being manned with 164 able Seamen, and Soldiers, and furnished with all things necessary, sailed out of *Plymouth* Road on the 15th of *November*, 1577; yet met with many Difficulties, by reason of Tempests, and contrary Winds, e're they could get clear of the Land's End; at what time sailing towards the Coast of *Barbary*, they came to an Anchor on the Coast of *Magadore*, lying three Degrees, forty Minutes, being part of the Territories of the King of *Fez*, being a small Island not above three Leagues in Circumference, abounding with Foul and Fish, though of an unusual Shape. There some of the English going on Shoar, the Negroes, who inhabit that place, were desirous to be conducted on board, for whose Security *Drake* left a Pledge on shoar, the Moors seemingly desiring to Traffick for such Commodities as the English had, bringing to the Sea-side, Camels laden with Merchandizes. But when the Negroes were returned, some of the English going on shoar in a boat, one of them, named *John Fry*, was detained, which much incensed *Drake*, so that he was about to revenge the Indignity, to that Purpose landing his Men: But when he understood no Injury was offered him, they departed, and altho' he went not with them, yet after the Governour of that Island understood of what Nation he was, he sent him home in an English Ship, having upon his causing him to be

be surprized, conjectured him a *Portugal*, and that *Drake* was the Forerunner of the *Portugal* Fleet, preparing to indamage that Coast.

Departing from this Island, *Drake* took a small *Spanish* Fisher-boat conducted but with three Men only; and after that, sailing under the *Tropick Cancer*, fell in with a Spanish Caravel, which he took, and then sailing to *Cape Barbas*, he there took another, though indifferently laden with Provision; where having plenty of all things necessary, he stayed a while, during which space, the Natives came down to view the English, bringing with them a *Negro* Woman half starved, with a Child at her Breast, offering her to sale, but *Drake* would not traffick for such Commodities; whereupon they brought Gums, and Amber-greese, offering it for fresh Water, which above all things is most scarce in that Country. Water they had, but *Drake* would not take any thing for the common Element, as likewise some Provision, for which they were very thankful for, eating greedily.

Having thus far proceeded, they set the Spaniards on Shoar, and after trimming their Ship, sailed to *Cape de Verde*, and so coasted *Bomavista*, falling in with the *Isle of Mayo*, inhabited by the *Portugueſe*, and so touching at several Islands, came to St. *Jago*, on the South-West of which Island, they took a *Portugueſe* Vessel, laden with Wine, Woollen, and Linnen-Cloath, on its return from *Brazil*, and in Defiance of those on Land, fired upon three or four of their Towns, standing on the Sea-coast.

Near to the Island of St. *Jago*, is the burning Island called *Fogo*, continually up casting Flames; and near to that, lies a pleasant Island, always clad with green, exceeding fruitful, abounding especially with Figs, Cocos, Planatoes, Oranges and Lemons; it is also replinished with pleasant Streams, though the Harbours about it, are not capable of receiving any Ships of Burthen: and in all the Island, was only one House supposed to be inhabited by an Hermet.

From this Island, after having taken some of what it afforded, they stood away to the Coast of *Brazil*, but by contrary Winds were kept out so long at Sea, that Provision grew scanty, and especially Water, which in that burning Climate was most requisite. But when they despaired of obtaining any, God so ordered it, that there fell great store of Rain, which supplyed their Necessity: And amongst many other strange Creatures found in those Seas, they de-

delighted themſelves with viewing the flying Fiſhes, which are as big as ordinary *Pilchards*, having Fins the length of their Bodies, ſo that when they are purſued by any Fiſh, and fear to be devoured, they ſave themſelves by leaving their Element, and flying in the Air; but cannot continue it long, for that their Fins wanting moiſture become unſerviceable, by reaſon of the thin Film that Joyns the Bones, or Quill, *&c.* Sailing from thence to the Coaſt of *Brazil*, they beheld huge Fires on the Shoar, made by the Inhabitants, in which they ſacrificed two Devils, uſing many Conjurations to raiſe Whirlwinds and Tempeſts, thereby to wreck ſuch as approached their Coaſt: Which Helliſh Incantations, the *Portugals* to their coſt found fatal, when they firſt diſcovered thoſe Countries; But the Engliſh ſuſtained no other Dammage than the Separation of their Ships, when leaving that Coaſt altogether rocky and inacceſſible, *Drake* ſtood away to another Point, which he called *Cape Joy*, by reaſon he [illegible]re met the Ship he loſt in the Storm, and having Watered and refreſhed his Men at *Cape Verd*, and taken ſtore of Deer, which that Country affords in abundance, he ſtood away twelve Leagues from the Main to a convenient Harbour, ſheltering from the South-wind; and North-winter growing faſt upon him, he ſought out a Harbour where he might ride ſafe: and at laſt coming to *Cape Hope*, he entered with a Shallop, to ſound the Bay, which promiſed good Anchorage. But e're he could return ſo great a Fog aroſe, that he could not ſee the Ships, and a Storm withal ariſing, he was greatly endanged to be loſt: But Captain *Thomas*, ſuſpecting ſome Danger had befallen him by reaſon of his ſtay, entered with his Ship, and by firing a Gun, directed him to the Veſſel, and having not yet received him on Board, dropped Anchor, and there lay till the Storm was over: And the next Day going on Shoar, made great Fires, as a Sign to the diſperſed Ships to return into the Haven, who all met, except the *Swan*.

Upon their landing the People fled, they entred a homely Houſe neat a Rock, where they found fifty Eſtriches of a Prodigious ſize, whoſe Weight were ſuch, that they could not fly, but run as faſt as Greyhounds, ſo that they are not catched, but by decoying them into a Net, by the likeneſs of an Eſtrich made of their Feathers. *Drake* not finding this Harbour for his Purpoſe, ſtood away South-weſt, about twelve Leagues, where entering a Port, a great number of the Natives preſented themſelves upon a Hill, leaping and dancing after an extravagant manner, and at firſt landing ſeemed fearful of the Engliſh, but ſoon after

after became more familiar, bringing Eſtriches-feathers and Bones, variouſly carved and Arrows of Reed, which they delivered for Engliſh Commodities. They went all naked, except a skin of Fur caſt over their Shoulders when they ſit in the cold, but when they are doing any thing, they gird it about their Waſte: Their Hair is long, which when they travel, they bind it up with Eſtriches Feathers, of which likewiſe they make thir Quivers. Their Bodies are painted with divers Colours, and their Faces they waſh with Sulphur: Upon them appear the Figures of Suns, Moons, and Stars, which they term the Marks and Characters of their Gods. Their Victuals is Roots, and Wild Beaſts-fleſh, which they eat raw; they have no Boats; and ſeldom enter the Water? thoſe that appeared, were fifty in number; they uſe for their Weapons, Boms headed with Bone, and Flint-ſtones, artificially cut.

Having ſtayed ſome time with theſe People, and caught in the Bay about 200 Seals, they weighed Anchor, and ſtood towards the *Antartick Pole*, till they came to St. *Julian*, ſo named by *Magelen*, otherwiſe the Land of *Gyants*; for here are found People of a mighty Size, who at firſt received ſeveral of the Engliſh kindly, but in the end ſeeing their Advantage, killed one, and wounded two or three others, e're they could recover their Boat, yet not without the fall of two or three of their own Men, eſpecially of him who firſt began the Miſchief, which Injury *Drake* reſolved to revenge. But upon their repenting what they had done, and declaring they ſuppoſed his Men to be Spaniards, who had ſlain many of their People, he departed that Coaſt, and ſoon after had notice of a Conſpiracy againſt himſelf, and his Principal Captains, by one on Board: of which the Conſpirator being detected, was worthily executed, worſe Execution being thereby prevented. And ſo keeping on, came to three Iſlands lying Triangle-wiſe, which he called *Elizabethides*, in Honour of our Virgin Queen; On one of them he found ſtore of Birds, as big as Stubble-geeſe, without Feathers, being only matted down on their Backs, and Beaks like a Crow: they cannot run faſt, but ſwim exceeding ſwift; they lay their Eggs in the Ground, where they make Holes with their Beaks like Conies. Of theſe they killed 3000, and with them made merry: and then coming to another Iſland, inhabited by People of little Stature, he found them Rowing in Canows, made of the Bark of a Tree; But that place affording no Variety, he ſtood away to the

the South-Sea, ſailing amongſt the Iſlands 150 Leagues: but a Storm ariſing, his Fleet ſeparated, and ſome Ships loſt their Anchors, narrowly eſcaping the devouring Waves. But God ſo ordered it, that entering *Mare Delzur*, they got under the Tempeſt, and remained ſafe till the Storm was over: and then ſtearing North-ward along the Coaſt of *Peru*, they entered an Iſland full of birds, inhabited by Spaniards, and Native *Indians*; and being fallen with the Land, they ſailed along the Coaſt two Degrees, where going on Shoar, the Natives at firſt received them kindly, and offer'd to Traffick with them: but having trained them into Danger, ſhot at them, as they were in their boat, killing and wounding divers others, as amongſt which *Drake* was one, having an Arrow ſhot into his Noſe, and another hit him on the Fore-head, yet he valuing not the loſs of his Men, worth a hundred of theirs, thought not fit to go on Shoar to revenge the Injury. Theſe People inhabiting the Iſlands, are ſuch as the Cruelty of the Spaniards had driven from the Main, which Cruelty renders them unhoſpitable to all Strangers. Their Weapons are Spears, and Darts of Reed, headed with Stone and Bone.

Theſe barbrous People thus left, they not far diſtant, found an *Indian* Fiſhing in his *Canow*, who being taken, and brought on Board, was courteouſly entertained: who in Requital thereof, being ſet on Shoar, returned with divers others, bringing ſtore of Proviſion, and directed the Engliſh to a Watering-place, of which at that time they ſtood in great need; and ſoon after the Governour of the Country came on board, and they afterwards going on Shoar with him, found ſtore of *Chinly* Wine, and other Rarities, in a homely Town, conſiſting moſtly of Ware-houſes.

Being thus refreſhed, *Drake* ſaild to ſeek the Ship ſeparated from him in the Storm, carrying with him an *Indian Pilot*, the better to know thoſe Seas, and ſtood away towards the Line; and by the way, putting into a convenient Harbour, built a Pinnace, and then entering a Bay South-ward, came to the Town of *Cyppo*, inhabited by the Spaniards, who diſcovering them e're they could Land any conſiderable number of Men, came down with 100 Spaniſh Horſe, and 200 Indians on foot, running after them like Dogs. But e're they could prevent it, all but one Man was got on board, but he, bolder then the reſt ſtaying to out-face them in a bravery, was ſhot by one of them, and then by the *Indians*, ſtuck full of Arrows made of green Wood, cut-

cutting off his Head, and right Hand, and pulling out his Heart: yet what they left of him, his Companions came the next Day landing, buried. And leaving these butcherly Spaniards, sailing Northward, they came to the Cape of *Mormorena*, where finding four Indians in their Canows, they promised to bring them to a place where they might Water, which accordingly they did, where lighting on a Spaniard a-sleep, with thirteen Bars of Silver weighing 4000 Spanish Dockates, they eased him of the Burden: and not far from thence they met another Spaniard, and an Indian Boy, driving four *Peruvian* Sheep, each Sheep bearing two bags, in each of which was fifty Pound weight of silver, which became likewise their Prize, and so returned on board: and a little from thence, met several *Indians* rowing in Boats of Leather sowed together, with these they carryed Knives and Glass Beads, for Fish.

Sailing along the Tract, they came to another Island, near the Province of *Cusco*, where they found Sheep as big as Cows, whom the Inhabitants use in carrying their Burthens, the Wool and Flesh of which are excellent Cloathing and Provision. This Coast inhabited by the *Spaniards*, which made our Men hope for some rich Booty, nor were they deceived in their Expectation; for the first thing they happened on, was a Bark with forty odd Bars of Silver, and soon after another laden with Linnen, and so sailed to *Lima*, 12 Degrees, 30 Minutes South-latitude, where they Anchored, although in the Harbour were 30 *Spanish* Vessels, boarding a Vessel that had in her 15000 Bars of Silver, of which, and some other Commodities found there, they eased her: And having notice of a rich Ship, bound for *Panama*, they set sail, and falling with *Francisco*, about Noon they discovered her, and bearing up without Resistance boarded her, finding in her Fruits, Conserves, Sugars, and a great quantity of Jewels, 13 Chests of Plate Rial, 80 *l.* weight of Gold; and 26 Tun of uncoyned Silver, valued at 360000 Pezoes, for which they only gave the Master a little Linnen in Exchange, which he took, supposing that better than nothing, as well knowing *Drake* would be his own Carver.

Sailing from thence one Degree, North Latitude, they met with a Ship laden with Linnen, and China Dishes; and besides found in it a *Paulcon*, with a great Emrald in its Breast, which they took, and so passed by the Port of *Papagaia*, and divers dangerous Gulphs, continually sending forth violent Winds. And entering the Port of *Guaia-*

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lio, inhabited by the Spaniards, they furniſhed them with all things neceſſary, and compounded for their Safety, with a Pot of *Rials*, as big as a buſhel, a Gold Chain, and a Jewel, whence ſailing 500 Leagues, they came under ſixty Degrees North Latitude, where, although it was about the middle of *June*, they were ſo afflicted with Cold, that they were obliged to haſte thence, to ſave their Lives, all the Countries round being covered with Snow, and the Seas with Globes of Ice; ſo that ſailing South-ward to thirty eight Degrees, the Weather was very temperate, where bearing with the Land, the Natives ſent a Man in a Cannow, to invite them on ſhoar, who made a long Oration in his own Country Language, and by his Geſtures, expreſſed his meaning, and being diſmiſſed, he came again; and the third time bringing Preſents of Eſtrich Feathers, which none but thoſe about their Kingdom are ſuffered to wear, he brought alſo a basket filled with Herbs, called *Tabach*, in Requital of which, *Drake* preffered him many things, but he would receive nothing but a Hat.

Upon this Invitation *Drake* put to ſhoar, and landed his Men, erected a Tent, and armed it well, to prevent any Danger, if the Natives ſhould prove Treacherous, who no ſooner perceiving the Engliſh come forth of their Ships, but they came down with great haſte from the Hill, and fell down at their Feet, worſhipping them as Gods, throwing away their Bows and Arrows, and made many Laments and Cries.

Theſe People *Drake* treated courteouſly, beſtowing ſhirts, and other things upon them, wherewith to cover their Nakedneſs; ſignifying unto them, that he was but a Man, and that all his Company were Mortals, and no Gods, as theſe poor deluded People ſuppoſed them to be; to the belief of which they could hardly perſwade them. In Recompence of what they had received, they beſtowed upon the Engliſh Bows, Quivers of their Arrows, and the like; and ſo with Joy, which they expreſſed by their leaping and Dancing, they departed to their Houſes, which they digged round into the Earth, having Gheſts of Wood ſet up, and joyned cloſe at the top like a Spire, without Chimneys. Their Door is like an ordinary Scuttle in a Ship, ſloap-wiſe; their Men for the moſt part go naked, being of a loving and tractable Nature: their only Weapons are Bows and Arrows, with which, though they are Skilful, they do but little Execution, they being of no Force: Their Women make themſelves looſe Garments of bulruſhes, to cover their Secrets, wearing on their Shoulders beaſts skins, being altogether obedient to their Husbands.

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Two Days after, a great Multitude of them came down to the Tent, leaving their Women and bows ſome diſtance behind them, upon a Hill; who as ſoon as they were arrived at the Tent, fell to ſcratching their Faces, and caſting themſelves upon the Ground, with lamentable cries, as they uſe to do when they offer Sacrifice to their Gods, not being yet perſwaded but that the Engliſh were ſuch, though *Drake* and his Company, endeavoured to undeceive them, with pointing towards Heaven, Praying, and ſinging Pſalms.

Three Days after their King came down, attended by a great number, who ſung in a lamentable Tone about him; before him one bore a Scepter, made of black Wood, about a yard and half long, whereon hanged three Crowns, two Chains, and a bag of Herbs, called *Tabak*; the King had on a Caul of Net-work, reſembling a Crown on his Shoulders, and his Waſte a Coat of Coney-skins; his Guards had Coats of other Skins, and Cauls with Feathers in them, of divers Colours, or covers with down, which grroweth on a Herb like a Lettice, which Down is not permitted to be worn, but by thoſe about the King, the Seed of it is only uſed in Sacrifice to their Gods. The common ſort were for the moſt part naked, with long Hair, tyed with bunches of Feathers, every one having their Faces painted. Laſtly, The Women came with Baskets on their Arms, made of Ruſhes, ſo cloſely Woven, that they would hold Water, being hanged with Pearl-ſhells, and other ſhells, and with two or three links of a Chain, ſignifying they were Veſſels dedicated to their Gods. He that bore the Scepter, made an Oration for the ſpace of half an hour, which ended with a general *Amen*, and all (ſave the Children) came down the Hill.

Being come near, he that bore the Scepter, with a ſtately Carriage began a Song, and a Dance, as alſo did the King and all the reſt (ſave the Women) who daunced, but did not ſing. Which ended, they entered the Tent, where the King cauſed his Crown to be ſet upon *Drake*'s Head, deſiring him, which by many Signs he made to take upon him the Kingdom, ſaluting him by the Name of *Hyoh*, ending the Solemnity with a Song and a Dance, which *Drake* received, to the behoof of her Majeſty. When as the Common People leaving the King with *Drake*, went amongſt the reſt of the Engliſh, and finding ſuch as pleaſed their Fancies, which were commonly the Youngeſt, and moſt beautiful, they incloſed them

round, and offered Sacrifices to them, crying with lamentable Shrieks, weeping, ſcratching, and tearing their Fleſh from off their Faces.

This Country abounding with all things neceſſary for the Uſe of Man, *Drake* named *Albion*, and at his departure, ſet up her Majeſty's Picture and Title to the Kingdom, ingraven in Braſs. Loath were theſe People, that the *Engliſh* ſhould forſake them, and great Laments they made, running to the tops of high Hills, and climbing Trees, to ſend their Eyes after them as far as they could, making Fires, and offering Sacrifices, that they might oblige them to return again, and become their Protectors.

From this Country they ſailed to the Iſlands of *Molacos*, where the Inhabitants in their *Canows*, under Pretence of Trafficking with them, ſought to ſurprize them, but ſoon found to their Smart, that *Drake* came not to that end; whereupon naming it the *Iſle of Thieves*, they ſtood away to *Tatnate*, where the King of that Country ſent his Deputy to intreat them to come on Shoar, whereupon *Drake* caſt Anchor, and ſent a Meſſenger to the King with a Scarlet Cloak, deſiring that he might be ſupplyed with Proviſion, and other Neceſſaries; who returned Anſwer by his *Vice-Roy*, that he would do any thing to ſerve them, and that he would ſhortly viſit them at their Ships, who accordingly came in his *Canow*, attended by ſeveral of the Nobility, cloathed in *White Calico*: When as the King did Obeyſance in humble manner, being of a tall Stature, Corpulent, and of a Princely Countenance; his Reſpect amongſt his Subjects was very great, none of his Attendants daring to ſpeak to him but on their Knees; he was received on Board with Drums beating, Trumpets ſounding, and Vollies of great and ſmall Shot: his Attire from his Waſt downwards, was Cloath of Gold, his Legs bare, on his Feet Shooes of *Red Cordivant*: on his Cap were divers Rings of Plated Gold, an Inch and half broad about his Neck, and on his right Hand Rings, ſet with rich Stones. After he had been treated and welcomed, he returned to Shoar, and ſent ſtore of Proviſion, for which thoſe that brought it, received good Preſents: He ſent one of his Brothers the next Day, to invite *Drake* to his Palace, but ſome Suſpition ariſing, by words let fall, he would not go, but ſent ſome of his Gentlemen, detaining the *Vice-Roy* as a Pledge of their ſafety, who upon their Arrival were honourably received.

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These People are *Moors*, and live in a very plentiful Country, and fertile Clime, but after the *English* had trafficked with them for such Necessaries as they wanted, they, on the 9th of *October* set sail, and arrived at the South of the Island *Calibes*, where they repaired their Ships, *&c.* there they found Bats as big as Bullets, and Crab-fish that lived on the Land, making holes in the Earth, and running up Trees, and Worms that shined in the Night like Fire. Departing from this Island, they sailed to another, but could find no Ground near it at a hundred Fathom, wherefore sailing to the West, *Drake*'s Ship happened to run on a Shole that extended it self seven Leagues, where, had the Wind been high, she had been lost: But Providence so ordered it, by the heaving and setting of the Sea, and the Saylors Endeavours, she got off, and sailing amongst the Islands of the Sea, came at last to *Java*, where the chief King of the Country came on Board, sending before him Store of Provision; him they welcomed in the best sort, with Musick and Provision, especially with Wine, who within a while after, returned highly satisfied: And there having Trafficked a while, they took their leaves, and sailed towards the *Cape of Good Hope*; Coasting along part of *Africa*, they came to the Main of *Rio de Sesto*, and watering in the Mouth of *Tagoine*, passed the *Tropick Cancer*, and standing off to the Sea, on the 26th of *September*, came safe to *Plymouth*, after two Years, ten Months, and some odd Days Absence, bringing with them in Gold, Silver, Jewels, and other Merchandizes, to the Value of 100000 *l.* having incompassed the whole Earth.

The Voyage of Sir Francis Drake *into the* West-Indies, *wherein are taken the Town of St.* Domingo, *St.* Jago, *St.* Augustina, *and* Cartagena.

THe *Spaniards* great *Armado*, routed in 88, the Queen to revenge the treacherous Design against her Crown and Life, fitting out a Fleet consisting of twenty five Sail, on which were Imbarked 2585 Marriners, and Soldiers, Sir *Francis Drake* being Admiral, the said Fleet set sail for the *West-Indies*, taking by the way several *Spanish* Vessels, when coming to *Vigo*, they took several *Boats* and *Caravals*, among others, a small Vessel laden with the Furniture of the great Church of St. *Virgo*, in which was much Plate; and amongst

mongſt other things, a great Silver Croſs double Gilt, all amounting to the Value of 30000 Ducates. In the mean time the Government of *Galicia* came down with three hundred Horſe, and two thouſand Foot, to defend the ſhoar, deſiring Parley with the Admiral, promiſing Water and other Neceſſaries for Money, which was expected, and after a Supply of all things they required, weighed Anchor, and ſailed for the *Canaries*, they fell in with *Palma*, with purpoſe to have landed there: but finding the Shoar ſtrongly fortified, changed their purpoſe, and ſo ſailing by *Faro Cape Blank*, and *Cape Verd*, they came to the Iſle of St. *Jago*, and landed 1000 Men, under the Leading of Lieutenant General of *Carlile*; and marching over Land undiſcovered, ſurprized the Town of St. *Jago*, Situate in a Valley, and planted St. *George*'s Croſs upon the Wall, not a Spaniard daring to make Reſiſtance. After which, they marched to St. *Domingo*, and found it abandoned, and although the Treaſure was conveyed thence, yet in both places ſtore of Plunder was found, as alſo in the Town of *Praje*; all Scituate in this pleaſant Iſland, abounding with all things neceſſary for the ſupport of Man.

The Country thus allarumed, the Spaniards in great numbers run to their Arms, but durſt attempt nothing; ſo that the General commanded *Praje* to be burnt, which ſo perplexed the Spaniards, that they reſolved to compound for *Domingo*, and St. *Jago*; but whilſt the Treaty was in hand, the Engliſh had withdrawn themſelves out of *Domingo*, the Spaniards fortified it, planting Canons in the Gate, and laying an Ambuſcade. Whereupon *Drake*'s 1200 Men went to force the Guard, which accordingly they did, making great ſlaughter of the Spaniards, ſo that they fled to the Caſtle; but Fear ſo far prevailed with 'em, that they ſtay'd not long there, but fled; upon which the Town being gained, a *Negro* Boy was ſent to ſuch *Spaniards* as were retired to the Mountains, with a Flag of Truce, giving them leave to return in Safety. But as he was going he was run through by a Spaniard, which ſo entraged the General, that he cauſed two *Fryers* to be ſent to the ſame place, and there hanged; proteſting, that unleſs the Murderer was delivered up, he would hang two Priſoners every day, till none was left: Which Pennance ſo troubled the Spaniards, that they delivered up the Murderer to Juſtice, who according to his Deſerts was executed.

The Spaniards not coming to Agreement for their City and Town, *Drake* gave order to Fire them, but being moſt ſtone Building, it proved

proved a Task very difficult; yet the Spaniards desirous to preserve them, offered 25000 Duccates, which offer was accepted. One thing in the King's House denoting his Ambition, was remarkable; *viz.* An Escutcheon, containing a Globe, and a Horse standing in one part in it, and the other part leaping out of it, with this Motto; *Non sufficiat Orbis*, *The World is not enough*; which the Spaniards themselves were even ashamed of.

From this Island they put over to the main Land, and came within sight of *Carthagena*, when landing about four in the Afternoon, Lieutenant General *Carlile* about Mid-night came before the City, having put a Party of Spanish Horse to flight by the way: Whilst the Vessels on the Road, attacked a small Fort that stood on the Sea Coast. Half a Mile before they came at the City, the Land grew straight, having the Main on the one side, and the Harbour on the other: Which straight was fortifyed with a Wall and a Ditch, only a space left for passage, and on it planted six Pieces of Cannon, that bent upon the said passage. Moreover, the Spaniards had drawn two Gallies into the Harbour, into which, they had put one Ordinance, and 400 small shot, and on the Land-side 300 Men stood armed with Pikes: but the English taking the lower ground, constrained them to flight, and did not Fire till they came up to the Wall, when letting fly a Volly in the Faces of the Spaniards, and seconding it with the Butt-end of their Muskets, they beat them first from their Baracadoes, and secondly, caused them to fly, entering the the Town Pell-mell with them: and obtaining the Market Place planting there a strong Guard, notwithstanding they had Baracadoed every street, set Indians with Poysoned Arrows at each corner, and stuck up poysoned sticks, with sharp points to disable the Soldiers.

The City thus won, the Joy was not great, by reason of a Mortal Distemper that raged amongst the Soldiers, occasioned by ill Airs, which killed a great many of them, and caused some to loose their Wits, which utterly frustrated the Design upon *Nombre de Dios*, and *Panama*, where all the Treasure was. Whilst they lay here, they took two small Spanish Prizes, in attempting which, Captain *Varny*, and Captain *Moon* were slain with Musquet-shot, out of the Bushes where the Spaniards had run their Vessels on shoar.

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The General having given order for the Firing of *Carthagena*, the Bishop, Governour, and some other Principal Men of the Island, intreated him to spare it, and they would ransom it at 11000 Duckates, which was accordingly done; and for an Abby that stood some distance from it, they gave a 1000 Duckates; but refusing to give so much as was demanded for a Castle without the City, it was blown up, so the Army Imbarking, sailed to *Cape* St. *Anthony*, to Water; but finding none there, passed over to *Florida*, where sailing up the River, they took a Fort of the *Spaniards*, and found in it several pieces of Ordnance, and 2000 pounds in Money; and so Coasting along came to *Virginia*, where several *English* resided, under Mr. *Lane* the Governour; to whom *Drake* offered a Ship with Provision; or if they pleased, to transport them into *England*; the latter of which they accepted: not being greatly desirous to stay in a Country where they had found such cold comfort. From this place the whole Fleet set Sail, and arrived safe at *Plymouth*, the 28th of *July*; the Booties got, besides the defraying of Charges, amounted to 6000 pounds, of which the Companies that travelled in the Voyage, were to have 2000 *l.* and their Adventures for their Merchandize, 40000 *l.* In this Voyage, a 150 Men were lost, the great Ordnance taken from the *Spaniards*, were 240 of which 230 were Brass.

On the 27th of *January* they came to *Villa Porta*, where to the Grief of all *English* Men, the Renowned and truly Worthy Sir *Francis Drake*, ended his Days, and was set down in a Coffin of Lead into the Sea, on which he had so often Triumphed; the Drums beating, Cannons sounding at his last Farewel to the World.

The General being dead, all concluded to return home, which they accordingly did, being forced to fight their way through the *Spanish* Fleet, that was sent to interrupt them, after they had been a Year abroad.

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